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Senate Bill No.SB0223 By Haun

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 20, relative to the appointment of deputies and assistants.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The clerk and masters of chancery court, the county clerks and the clerks of probate, criminal, circuit and special courts, county trustees, registers of deeds and sheriffs may employ such deputies and assistants as may be necessary to properly conduct the office in the following manner and under the following conditions, namely:

(1) In the event the above-named county officials agree with the number of deputies and assistants and the compensation and expenses related thereto, as set forth in the budget adopted by the county legislative body, the county executive and the county official involved shall prepare a letter of agreement, using a form prepared by the comptroller of the treasury setting forth the fact that they have reached an understanding in this regard. This letter of

agreement shall be filed in court; however, no court costs, litigation taxes or attorneys fees shall be assessed.

- (2) In the event no agreement is executed on the number of deputies and assistants and the compensation and other expenses related thereto, within thirty (30) days from the date the budget is adopted, the affected official may make petition to the court to resolve the dispute as hereinafter provided in Tennessee Code Annotated 8-20-102. In the event a petition is filed, the court shall transfer the matter to another court, other than that court which the official serves, for hearing.
- (3) The clerks of the circuit, criminal and special courts shall file their letter of agreement or other petitions with the judge or any one of the judges in their respective courts. The sheriffs shall file their letter of agreement or other petitions with the circuit court, provided that in counties where criminal courts are established, the sheriff shall file with the criminal court. The clerks and masters, county trustees, county clerks and clerks of the probate courts and registers of deeds shall file their letter of agreement or other petitions with the chancellor or one of the chancellors if there is more than one.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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